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MINISTER'S OFFICE

Ottawa, Dec. 1st, 1917

Sir Robert Falconer,
Toronto University,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir Robert:-

A. Stewart Bleakney graduated in Arts at Toronto University in 1915 and took honours in Political Science. He has since been overseas and has been struck off the strength on account of disability from wounds.

He has made application for a Trade Commissionership, to be taken on for the usual course of training. I would be very much obliged if you could give me, if not too much trouble, his capabilities and acquirements and your general view as to his adaptation to our work.

Yours very truly,

Geo E Foster

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December 3rd., 1917

Sir George E. Foster, K.C.M.G.,
Minister of Trade and Commerce,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir George:

I have sent Mr. Stuart Pleakney certificates from Professor Mavor and Professor Alexander, and from these you will see that he has a high academic equipment for the kind of work that you will require of him as a out-trade commissioner. He received first class honours in Political Science in the third year, which means that he devoted a great deal of attention to advanced Political Economy. It is a course which in my judgment of all others fits our students best for such work as he wishes to undertake. From all that I have learned about Mr. Pleakney I should think that he would be very well equipped for the work for which he is applying. You already have men in your department who went through a similar course here, Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Clarke.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND COMMERCE CANADA

MINISTER'S OFFICE

Ottawa, April 10th, 1918

Sir Robert Falconer,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir Robert:-

I have received to-day a cable from Sir Edward Kemp, transmitting a request from the First Lord of the Admiralty. The request is as follows:-

"Professor McLennan urgently requests Ainslie Foreman and Professor Satterly University of Toronto also three instrument makers and some special apparatus for his anti-submarine work here. Above transfers through President Falconer would be greatly appreciated."

This is all the information we have in reference to the matter. I presume, however, that Prof. McLennan, in some way or other, has amplified the matter in correspondence with yourself, so that you will understand about what is desired. The length of time the services referred to will be required, and the quality of instrument makers and special apparatus, will also probably be known to you.

I would be glad to hear from you as soon as possible with reference to the above. The Admiralty

seems to set urgent store by the request and, of course, we are all anxious to assist them in every way, particularly in reference to the matter of submarine defence.

Yours sincerely,

George E Foster

April 12th, 1918

Honourable Sir George Foster,

Department of Trade and Commerce,

Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir George:

In answer to your letter of April 10th I would say that Professor McLennan has also been in communication with us in regard to the matters dealt with in his cable. If you can do anything to expedite permission being granted to U.S. Airplane and Foreman by the Minister of Militia and those who issue passes this I believe is the most important step than can be taken to carry out the wishes of Professor McLennan's cable.

Already the special apparatus to which he refers is on its way being shipped by the Dominion Express Company.

Professor Satterly is unable to leave for some time as he has very important duties in connection with some work for Professor McLennan, and he also tells me that it is almost impossible to secure the instrument makers at the rate of wages that are being of offered in London.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

**University of Toronto**

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

JANUARY 17TH, 1918

DEAR SIR OR MADAM:

As you are aware the campaign for raising funds for the ensuing year in connection with the Toronto and York County Patriotic Fund is to be inaugurated on January 22nd. I have been asked to arrange again this year that subscriptions from members of the staffs of the University, Colleges and affiliated Hospitals should be sent through the University. The demands on the fund are such that it is hoped that we may be able to contribute liberally again this year. Subscriptions may be paid in ten monthly instalments.

Mr. Mouré has kindly consented to receive subscriptions as he did last year. Will you please make your subscription payable to the "Toronto and York County Patriotic Fund", and have it sent to Mr. Mouré, the Bursar of the University, not later than five o'clock on Wednesday, January 23rd?

Yours sincerely,

R. A. FALCONER

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Instructions have been given to have permission given immediately to Ainslie & Foreman to leave.

G. E. Foster.

June 4th, 1918

The Honourable Sir George E. Foster, G.C.M.G.,

Minister of Trade and Commerce,

Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir George:

The attention of the Board of Governors was drawn at its last meeting to a statement in Hansard on page 1969 made by the Honourable Charles Murphy with regard to the University of Toronto having taken steps to secure the appointment of Professor A. P. Macallum to his position as administrative chairman of the Honorary Advisory Council for Scientific and Industrial Research. I do not need to assure you on behalf of the Board that this statement is utterly incorrect. It came as a great surprise to us as I am sure it did to the Board to learn that Professor Macallum had been offered and accepted this appointment in December 1916. The University had absolutely nothing to do with the securing of this position for Dr. Macallum. Moreover, Dr. Macallum has long been regarded as one of the most distinguished members of its staff, and it is absolutely absurd to say that the University desires to get rid of the services of one who had done so much for it as Dr. Macallum.

Yours sincerely,

President.